

unresponsive and loss of TGF-beta receptor type II expression caused by histone deacetylation in lung cancer cell lines.

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AB Transforming growth factor (TGF)-beta strongly inhibits epithelial cell proliferation. Alterations of TGF-beta signaling are thought to play a role in tumorigenesis. We show in the present study that most lung \*\*\*cancer\*\*\* cell lines have lost the growth-inhibitory response to TGF-beta signal, and that those with TGF-beta unresponsiveness can be divided into two major groups, TGF-beta type II receptor (TGFbetaRII)(+)/Smad7(+) and TGFbetaRII(-)/Smad7(-), suggesting the heterogeneous mechanisms underlying the TGF-beta responsiveness. The mechanism of the loss of TGFbetaRII expression of the latter group was further studied, identifying aberrant \*\*\*DNA\*\*\* \*\*\*methylation\*\*\* of the promoter region in a limited fraction of cell lines. Interestingly, we found that the alteration of chromatin structure because of histone deacetylation may also be involved, showing a good correlation with loss of TGFbetaRII expression. This notion was supported by the findings of a restriction enzyme accessibility assay, of a chromatin immunoprecipitation assay with anti-acetyl histone antibodies, and of an in vivo induction of TGFbetaRII expression by \*\*\*histone\*\*\* \*\*\*deacetylase\*\*\* \*\*\*inhibitors\*\*\* including \*\*\*trichostatin\*\*\* \*\*\*A\*\*\* (TSA) and sodium \*\*\*butyrate\*\*\*. In vitro induction of TGFbetaRII promoter reporter activity by TSA was also detected and found to require the CCAAT box within the -127/-75 region. A positive regulatory mechanism for TGFbetaRII expression in a TGF-beta-expressing cell line was also investigated, and a TPA-responsive element (TRE)-like motif, TRE2, was detected in addition to the previously reported TRE-like motif Y element in the positive regulatory region. Alterations in two discrete proteins interacting with these two TRE-like motifs were also suspected of being involved in the loss of TGFbetaRII expression. This is the first study to demonstrate that, in addition to the TSA-responsive region and TRE2 motif in the TGFbetaRII promoter, the alteration of histone deacetylation may be involved in the loss of TGFbetaRII expression in lung \*\*\*cancer\*\*\* cell lines.

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AB Histone acetylation has long been associated with transcriptional

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AB Formation of transcriptional repression complexes such as DNA methyltransferase (DNMT) 1/histone deacetylase (HDAC) or methyl-CpG binding protein/HDAC is emerging as an important mechanism in silencing a variety of methylated tissue-specific and imprinted genes. Our previous studies showed that treatment of estrogen receptor (ER)-.alpha.-neg. human breast cancer cells with the DNMT inhibitor 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (5-aza-dC) led to ER mRNA and protein re-expression. Also, the HDAC inhibitor trichostatin A (TSA) could induce ER transcript about 5-fold. Here we show that 5-aza-dC alone induced ER transcript about 30-40-fold, and the addn. of TSA elevated ER mRNA expression about 10-fold more in the human ER-neg. breast cancer cell lines MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-435. Overall, the combination of 5-aza-dC and TSA induced a 300-400-fold increase in ER transcript. Restoration of estrogen responsiveness was demonstrated by the ability of the induced ER protein to elicit estrogen response element-regulated reporter activity from an exogenous plasmid as well as induce expression of the ER target gene, progesterone receptor. The synergistic activation of ER occurs concomitantly with markedly reduced sol. DNMT1 expression and activity, partial demethylation of the ER CpG island, and increased acetylation of histones H3 and H4. These data suggest that the activities of both DNMT1 and HDAC are key regulators of methylation-mediated ER gene silencing.

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